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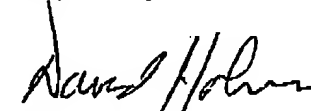
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2002, applicants enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Request for Reconsideration after Final Rejection (1 page)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge all fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and all other fees due under section 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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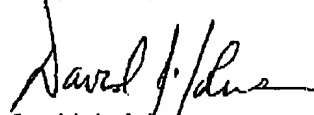
Sir:

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Thissell for the time and consideration of the interview last Wednesday, May 22, 2002.

As was discussed at the interview, the pending claims of the present application all define over the cited references. Specifically, claim 24 (amended) is directed to a balloon sleeve that prior to mounting on a catheter shaft includes at least one end that is non-distensible while its middle section is distensible. It was agreed at the interview that claim 24 (amended) patentably defines the present invention over all of the cited references, including United States Patent 5,766,201 to Ravenscroft et al.

Applicants respectfully request that the pending final rejection (Office Action mailed March 5, 2002) be reconsidered and that all of the pending claims in the present application be allowed. If any questions remain, applicants request a telephone interview prior to a further office action.

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